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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)
HIDEYUKI IKEGAMI, et al.)
Application No.: 09/215,194)
Filed: December 18, 1998)
For: IMAGE FORMING)
APPARATUS AND CONTROL)
METHOD FOR THE SAME)
Examiner: T. Nguyen
Group Art Unit: 2182
May 10, 2001

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2000, the period for response having been extended to May 12, 2001 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the specification with the following replacement sections. A marked-up copy of these sections, showing the changes made thereto, is attached as Appendix 1.